

REMARKS

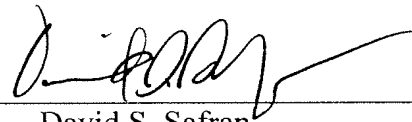
By the above actions, claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form as amended claim 1, and nonelected claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled.

Inasmuch as the above amendments present only claims that have been found to contain patentable subject matter or depend from such claims, this application should now be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is requested.

However, while it is believed that this application should now be in condition for allowance, in the event that any issues should remain, or any new issues arise, after consideration of this response which could be addressed through discussions with the undersigned, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for the purpose of resolving any such issue and thereby facilitating prompt approval of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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